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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether any meeting has been held between the officials of Planning Commission and Officials of UNDP for increasing the UNDP assistance from US $ 500 million for health, poverty eradication and developmental activities;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the assistance sought under UNDP has been approved;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether the issue of Human Resource Development Report was also discussed in the meeting; and

(f) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT, MINISTER OF STATE IN TH MINISTRIES OF PLANNING, STATISTICS & PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS AND PUBLIC GRIEVANCES (SHRI ARUN SHOURIE)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. A meeting between UNDP Administrator and the DeputyChairman, Planning Commission was held on the 16th February, 2001. However, there was no discussion regarding an increase of UNDP overall assistance from $ 250 millionto $ 500 million.

(c) & (d): Does not arise.

(e) & (f): The Preparation of State Human Development Reports (HDRs) were discussed, as both the Planning Commission and the UNDP are assisting States in their endeavour to prepare Hdrs with analysis of disaggregated data at district levels. It was agreed that both the State and National HDRs are policy tools , which would be used in the planning process.